**VOCAB LIST**

**Writing Terms**

1. Paragraph – an organized group of sentences that convey a single idea.

2. Purpose- the author’s reason for writing (to persuade, inform, entertain, etc.)

3. Main Idea- the single conclusion that a reader draws; the what the author wants to express

4. Introduction- the opening paragraph of an essay that provides focus for the rest of the essay.

5. Hook- a catchy, interesting way to generate interest in an introduction; first few lines.

6. Thesis- the last line of the intro; names three or more specific subtopics to follow.

7. Body Paragraph- paragraphs in the middle of an essay that explain the three points of a thesis

8. Supporting Details- details discussed within a paragraph that explain the main idea.

9. Topic Sentence- the first sentence of a body paragraph; gives focus to the paragraph

10. Conclusion- last paragraph in an essay; restates thesis; draws conclusions; tells “so what?”

11. Informative- writing that is meant to teach, explain, educate on a specific topic.

12. Narrative- writing that tells a story, has a plot and theme; uses sensory details, quotations

13. Argumentative- writing that explains a controversial issue and persuades the reader.

14. Bias- an author’s slant or predisposition towards a specific controversial topic

15. Subjective- observations or conclusions based on one’s opinion or bias.

16. Objective- looking at an issue from an unbiased perspective.

17. Opinion- one’s conclusion on a controversial topic.

18. Style- the use of voice, vocabulary, and sentence structure to make writing unique

19. Unity- sentences in a pargraph that are all related to a single topic.

20. Cohesion- the logical arrangement of sentences in a paragraph; use of transition words